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Consultation on schedule F6 rule change

Following review of Transpower's 2009 annual report on interconnection asset capacity and grid configuration, the Commission proposes an amendment to schedule F6 of the Interconnection Rules by updating the schedule to include the information in the 2009 annual report.

The paper, Interconnection Asset Capacity and Grid Configuration, is published for consultation purposes at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/intercon-asset-gridconfig/>

Submissions regarding this consultation should be made to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by 5pm, Monday, 15 March 2010.

Discussion paper: Security, Web Services, and EIEP Data Exchange

A paper has been published on security risks associated with the way information is exchanged within the electricity industry. Three issues affecting the registry and participant processes are discussed:

- Introducing a registry-secure file-transfer mechanism.
- Provision of Web Services to support data exchange to participants' back-office and customer-acquisition systems.
- Facilitating Electricity Information Exchange Protocols (EIEP) data exchange between participants through the use of the registry-secure file-transfer mechanism.

Submissions close by 5pm, Friday, 19 March 2010.

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/security-web-EIEP/>
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Settlement agreement approved

The Commission has approved a settlement agreement between Genesis Power Ltd, Transpower New Zealand Ltd (as System Operator), Norske Skog Tasman Ltd and Meridian Energy Ltd in respect of an alleged breach of the Rules.

The admitted breach concerned the failure to comply with a dispatch instruction during the commissioning of Huntly Unit 5.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/compliance/settlements>

Exemptions from AUFLS Requirements

The Commission intends, under regulation 194(5)(c) of the Electricity Governance Regulations 2003, to extend the exemptions granted to Norske Skog Tasman Limited, Northpower Limited, Winstone Pulp International Limited, Toll New Zealand Limited, Pan Pac Forest Products Limited and New Zealand Steel Limited from compliance with the automatic under-frequency load shedding requirements of rules 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5 of technical code B of schedule C3 of part C of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003.

Details of the proposed exemptions are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/exemptions>

Submissions regarding these exemptions should be addressed to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by 5pm, Friday, 26 February 2010.

Hedge Market Survey Report

A report on a survey of market participants, undertaken to ensure improvements in hedging are on track, is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/wholesale/Hedge/index.html#regsurvey>

Consultation documents

- [Interconnection Asset Capacity and Grid Configuration](#)
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- [Discussion paper: Security, Web Services, and EIEP Data Exchange](#)
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